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**SURVEY OF THE INDEPENDENCE
OF THE JUDICIARY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS**

Part I. INSTITUTIONAL STATUS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COURT

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each statement by checking the most appropriate response.

1. Police, prosecutors, and corrections agencies are part of a single justice system with the courts, with shared objectives.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

2. Judicial officers are appointed to make independent decisions. Therefore, it is not necessary for courts to have separate administrative staff to develop and oversee court procedures.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

3. Judicial officers should not interfere with agreements reached between prosecution and defense about charges that will be dismissed or modified when a defendant pleads guilty in a criminal or delinquency case.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

4. The court must be vigilant in protecting its administrative boundaries and should not rely on any other branch of government to determine its hiring procedures or to determine how essential services for the court (e.g., computers and telephone) will be obtained.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

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5. Trial courts are necessarily dependent on agencies of other branches of government in order to operate smoothly. Therefore, they need to cooperate with those agencies.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

6. It would compromise judicial independence if representatives of the court supported budget requests of nonjudicial agencies, and vice versa.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

7. Judicial officers make independent decisions on specific cases regardless of the relationship between the court and officials from other private or governmental organizations.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

8. It would compromise judicial independence for representatives of the court to serve in an advisory capacity on hiring committees for employees of other agencies, and vice versa.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

9. So long as there are lawyers representing all sides in a civil lawsuit, judges should not question or interfere with decisions made by the lawyers that are related to how long it will take to dispose of the case (e.g., agreements related to continuances)

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

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10. To reliably protect individuals from the arbitrary use of government power, judges need to be part of an independent branch of government.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

COMMENTS:

If there are specific issues related to judicial independence (positive or negative) that you would like to bring to the attention of the court's leadership, please share them with us below.

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13. _____

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Part II. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS

*Part II surveys perceptions of how the court relates to other agencies and officials.
Please check the response in each row that most closely represents your opinion.*

14. How would you rate the level of cooperation between the family court and you or your agency?

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| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> Very Low
<input type="checkbox"/> Very High | <input type="checkbox"/> Low

<input type="checkbox"/> Worse
than Other
Gov't agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Average

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| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> Much Worse
<input type="checkbox"/> Much Better
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Significantly | <input type="checkbox"/> Improving
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Somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> Staying the
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15. In your experiences with the family court, how would you rate the opportunity to bring concerns or problems between your organization and the court to the attention of the court's leadership?

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| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> Very Low
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16. In your experience with the family court, how would you rate the willingness of court leaders (judicial officers and administrative personnel) to work cooperatively to *resolve conflicts* between you or your organization and this court?

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| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> Very Low
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17. In your experience with the family court, how would you rate routine efforts by this court's *judicial officers* to participate in interagency planning or programs?

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| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> Very Low
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b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Much Worse <input type="checkbox"/> Much Better than Other Gov't agencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Worse than Other Gov't agencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Same as Other Gov't agencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Better than Other Gov't agencies
c.	<input type="checkbox"/> Improving <input type="checkbox"/> Declining Significantly	<input type="checkbox"/> Improving Somewhat	<input type="checkbox"/> Staying the Same	<input type="checkbox"/> Declining Somewhat

a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Low <input type="checkbox"/> Very High	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> High
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Much Worse <input type="checkbox"/> Much Better	<input type="checkbox"/> Worse	<input type="checkbox"/> Same as	<input type="checkbox"/> Better
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20. In your experience with the family court, how would you rate its *responsiveness to requests for information*, assistance, or services by you or your organization?

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| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> Very Low
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21. When the family court has taken actions that were likely to impact upon you or your agency, how would you rate *the notice* it gave to you or your agency?

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| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> Very Low
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22. When the family court has taken actions that were likely to impact upon you or your agency, how would you rate its efforts to obtain your support for the proposed change or to invite you to suggest another alternative to solve the problem?

- a. ☐ Very Low ☐ Low ☐ Average ☐ High
 ☐ Very High
- b. ☐ Much Worse ☐ Worse ☐ Same as ☐ Better
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Gov't agencies
- c. ☐ Improving ☐ Improving ☐ Staying the ☐ Declining
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COMMENTS:

If there are specific issues related to the court's organizational relationships (positive or negative) that you would like to bring to the attention of the court's leadership, please share them with us below.

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